

Application No.: 09/806,651
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 24-29 are currently pending in the above-identified application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 24, 25, 26, 28, and 29 are amended.

Objection to the Title

The Office Action objects to the title for not being descriptive. (See Office Action page 3, Item 5.) By this Amendment, the Applicants amend the title of the invention as suggested by the Office Action on page 3, Item 5. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Abstract

The Office Action, at page 3, Item 4, includes discussion on the "proper content of an abstract of the disclosure." Although this discussion does not include any particular objections to the abstract of the above-identified application, the Applicants submit herewith an amended abstract to better summarize the technical disclosure of the above-identified application. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claim 24 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 24 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for, as the Office Action contends, being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action suggests amending the claim "to embody the program on 'computer-readable medium'." By this Amendment, the Applicants amend claim 24 to incorporate this suggestion. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 24, 25, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,246,442 to Harada et al. ("Harada"). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over Harada for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by amended claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Harada, namely:

receiving a selection of a time frame, and
displaying in the EPG, for each channel in said plurality of channels corresponding to said selected time frame, the video of the each channel.

Basis for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in the application on page 24, lines 1-13, and in Figure 17. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action on page 5 contends that Harada discloses in Figures 4 and 5, displaying EPG information, which includes both text and video, for a plurality of channels in a plurality of time frames. Applicants observe that Figure 4 discloses that the EPG information includes a "representative picture." Furthermore, Applicants observe that Figure 33 of Harada illustrates displaying the "representative picture" for each channel in an EPG. (See Harada, col. 37, lines 3-9.) Harada does not disclose in Figures 4 or 33 the features of "receiving a selection of a time frame" and "displaying in the EPG, for each channel in said plurality of channels corresponding to said selected time frame, the video of the each channel." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that amended claim 1 includes features that are not disclosed by Figures. 4 or 33 of Harada. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 19, 16, 18, 24, 27, and 28 depend from claim 1 and therefore include all of the features of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that these claims are patentable over Harada for at least the reasons discussed above.

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Claim 25 and claims 26 and 29 which depend from claim 25 include features which are similar to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that these claims are patentable over Harada for at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 7, 16, 24, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,926,230 to Niijima et al. ("Niijima") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,341,466 to Perlin et al. ("Perlin") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0129366 to Schein et al. ("Schein"). It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are patentable over these references for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by amended claim 1, includes features which are neither disclosed nor suggested by Niijima, Perlin, or Schein, namely:

receiving a selection of a time frame, and
displaying in the EPG, for each channel in said plurality of channels corresponding to said selected time frame, the video of the each channel.

The Office Action on page 9 admits that Niijima is "silent for displaying EPG information, as both text and video of a plurality of time frames" and silent as to the zoom features in the claims. The Office Action cites to Perlin for disclosing the zoom features of claim 1 and to Schein for disclosing "displaying EPG information ... as both text and video over a plurality of channels and plurality of time frames." In particular, the Office Action cites to Figure 11 and page 8, paragraph 0137, of Schein for disclosing "text and video over a plurality of channels in a plurality of time frames." Applicants observe, however, that these portions of Schein disclose displaying video for a currently tuned program and do not disclose "receiving a selection of a time frame" of an EPG. (Emphasis added.) The single video is illustrated in Figure 1 as item 220 and is currently broadcast video, not EPG information. Applicants can discern no EPG video displayed in Figures 1 or 11. Thus, Schein does not disclose the claimed features of "displaying in the EPG, for each channel in said plurality of channels corresponding to said selected time frame, the video of the each channel."

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that claim 1 is patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 24, 27 and 28 depend from claim 1 and therefore include all of the features of claim 1 discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that these claims are patentable over Niijima, Perlin, and Schein for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claim 25 and claims 26 and 29 which depend from claim 25 include features which are similar to claim 1. Accordingly, for the same reasons as discussed above for claim 1, Applicants respectfully contend that these claims are patentable over Niijima, Perlin, and Schein for at least the reasons discussed above.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully contend that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and request favorable notification to that effect.

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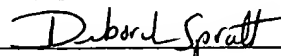
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